

STATEMENT OF PETE SMITH, PRESS SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR BARBOUR,  
ON HOUSE PASSAGE OF BILL REGARDING BLIND TRUSTS

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The words “blind trust” are very descriptive. Establishing a blind trust is a highly regarded way to prevent public officials from making decisions with the intent of private gain. The bill passed by the House would defeat the purpose of a blind trust. Media organizations such as The Clarion-Ledger have praised blind trusts as an appropriate way to prevent conflicts of interest, and many states plus the federal government have adopted their use.

Editorial

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**Blind trust**

**Barbour handling interests fairly**

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